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**Office Action Summary**

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Applicant(s)

TUTTLE ET AL.

Examiner

Bharat N. Barot

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 11/25/2002.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

**DETAILED ACTION**

**Specification**

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

**Drawings**

2. This application has been filed with informal drawings, which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112**

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter, which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which applicant(s) regard as their invention.

Evidence that claims 1, 18, 30, and 45 fail to correspond in scope with that which applicant(s) regard as the invention can be found in the preamble such that a method, system, and program product for updating a property of live object at remote clients.

Other dependent claims, which are not specifically cited above are also rejected because of the deficiencies of their respective parent claims.

5. Claims 1-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Regarding claims 1, 18, 30, and 45, they contain the phrase " updating a property of live object at remote clients" renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear about a property of live application object, live web object, live hardware/software object, or live user profile object.

Other dependent claims, which are not specifically cited above are also rejected because of the deficiencies of their respective parent claims.

#### **NON-STATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING**

6. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970);and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application, See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

**ANTICIPATION REJECTION**

7. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, 12 and 14 of copending Application No. 10/105,018 contain every element of claims 1-2, 6-7, 16-19, 21, 23-29, and 45-47 of the instant application and as such anticipate claims 1-2, 6-7, 16-19, 21, 23-29, and 45-47 of the instant application. This is a provisional double patenting rejection because the conflicting claims have not in fact been patented.

8. "A later patent claim is not patentably distinct from an earlier patent claim if the later claim is obvious over, or **anticipated by**, the earlier claim. In re Longi, 759 F.2d at 896, 225 USPQ at 651 (affirming a holding of obviousness-type double patenting because the claims at issue were obvious over claims in four prior art patents); In re Berg, 140 F.3d at 1437, 46 USPQ2d at 1233 (Fed. Cir. 1998) (affirming a holding of obviousness-type double patenting where a patent application claim to a genus is anticipated by a patent claim to a species within that genus). " ELI LILLY AND COMPANY v BARR LABORATORIES, INC., United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, ON PETITION FOR REHEARING EN BANC (DECIDED: May 30, 2001).

9. The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the patent and is covered by the patent since the patent and the application are claiming common subject matter, as follows:

The claimed invention in the instant application (claims 1-2, 6-7, and 16-17) is same as the claimed invention in the copending application (claims 1-2, 4-5, and 7-8 of copending Application No. 10/105,018). No new invention or new improvement is being claimed in the instant application (claims 1-17).

The claimed invention in the instant application (claims 18-19, 21, and 23-29) is same as the claimed invention in the copending application (claims 4-5, 9-10, 12, and 14 of copending Application No. 10/105,018) by rearranging the limitations. No new invention or new improvement is being claimed in the instant application (claims 18-28).

The claimed invention in the instant application (claims 45-47) is same as the claimed invention in the copending application (claims 4-5, 9-10, and 14 of copending Application No. 10/105,018) by rearranging the limitations No new invention or new improvement is being claimed in the instant application (claims 45-49).

**Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101**

10. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

11. Claim 30 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 30 recite a program code adapted to perform some steps. A program not claimed as embodied in computer readable media and execute in a computer or by a computer are descriptive material per se and are not statutory because they are not capable of causing functional change in the computer (See MPEP section 2106, Seventh Edition, Revision No. 1 dated February 2000, at page 2100-10 and 2100-1 1).

#### **Claim Objections**

12. Other dependent claims (3-5, 8-15, 20, 22, 31-44, and 48-49), which are not specifically cited above in the double patenting rejections and 35 U.S.C. 101 rejections, are objected rejected because of the deficiencies of their respective parent claims.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

13. Claims 4-5 and 31-32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

#### **Additional References**

14. The examiner as of general interest cites the following references.

- a. Kumbalimutt et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,871,346.
- b. Alexander, III et al, U. S. patent No. 6,658,652.
- c. Matsuda et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,577,328.
- d. Matsuda et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,253,167.

**Contact Information**

15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bharat Barot whose telephone number is (571) 272-3979. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

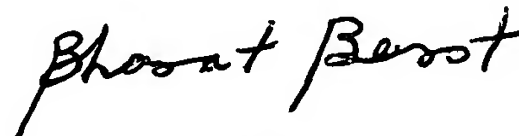
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Alam, Hosain, can be reached at (571) 272-3978.

Any inquiry of general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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April 29, 2005



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